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WE APPRECIATE TIMELY EMBASSY RESPONSE AND WILL TRY TO
PROVIDE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL AS QUICKLY AS
POSSIBLE. THE FOLLOWING IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF OUR
PLANNING:

1. ADVISING FINNISH AUTHORITIES: EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE COMING MEETING, EXPRESSING
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USG APPRECIATION FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY. EMBASSY MAY DRAW
ON FOLLOWING BACKGROUND, AS APPROPRIATE:

-- HELSINKI WILL BE THE SECOND US-SOVIET MEETING ON THIS
SUBJECT.

-- THE FIRST TOOK PLACE IN WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 14-19.

-- AT THIS STAGE, US-SOVIET DISCUSSION CONSTITUTES AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON POSSIBILITIES OF LIMITING CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRADE WITH THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

2. PRESS GUIDANCE: WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING A PRESS RELEASE WITH THE SOVIETS. WE SHALL PROVIDE TO EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. HOTEL RESERVATIONS: THE US DELEGATION NOW CONSISTS OF 18 (EIGHTEEN). WE SHOULD NOT NEED A CONTROL ROOM IN THE HOTEL, SINCE EMBASSY OFFICE SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE. THEREFORE EMBASSY SHOULD RESERVE TWO ADDITIONAL ROOMS AT HOTEL.

4. OFFICE REQUIREMENTS: THE DELEGATION INCLUDES THREE SECRETARIES AND TWO INTERPRETERS. THE REST ARE OFFICERS. WE REALIZE THIS IS A RATHER LARGE PARTY FOR EMBASSY TO ACCOMMODATE, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE AS MUCH OFFICE SPACE AS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE. OFFICERS CAN SHARE DESKS.

5. AUTOMOBILE USE: WE WILL NEED TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM AIRPORT, AND TO AND FROM HOTEL AND MEETING PLACES. WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE. RIGHT NOW WE EXPECT THAT THE PARTY WILL ARRIVE TOGETHER ON MAY 3RD. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT TWO
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MAY COME IN ADVANCE. IF POSSIBLE, TWO CARS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR GELB AND BLECHMAN DURING THE STAY. WE WILL RELY ON EMBASSY'S ADVICE FOR BEST TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS.

6. INTERPRETING EQUIPMENT: WE HAVE NO CURRENT REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERPRETING EQUIPMENT. WE USED CONSECUTIVE INTERPRETATION IN THE LAST MEETING.

7. ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS CITED IN REFTEL ARE FINE. WILL ADVISE EMBASSY OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS THAT WOULD AFFECT LENGTH OR SEQUENCE OF MEETINGS. VANCE

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